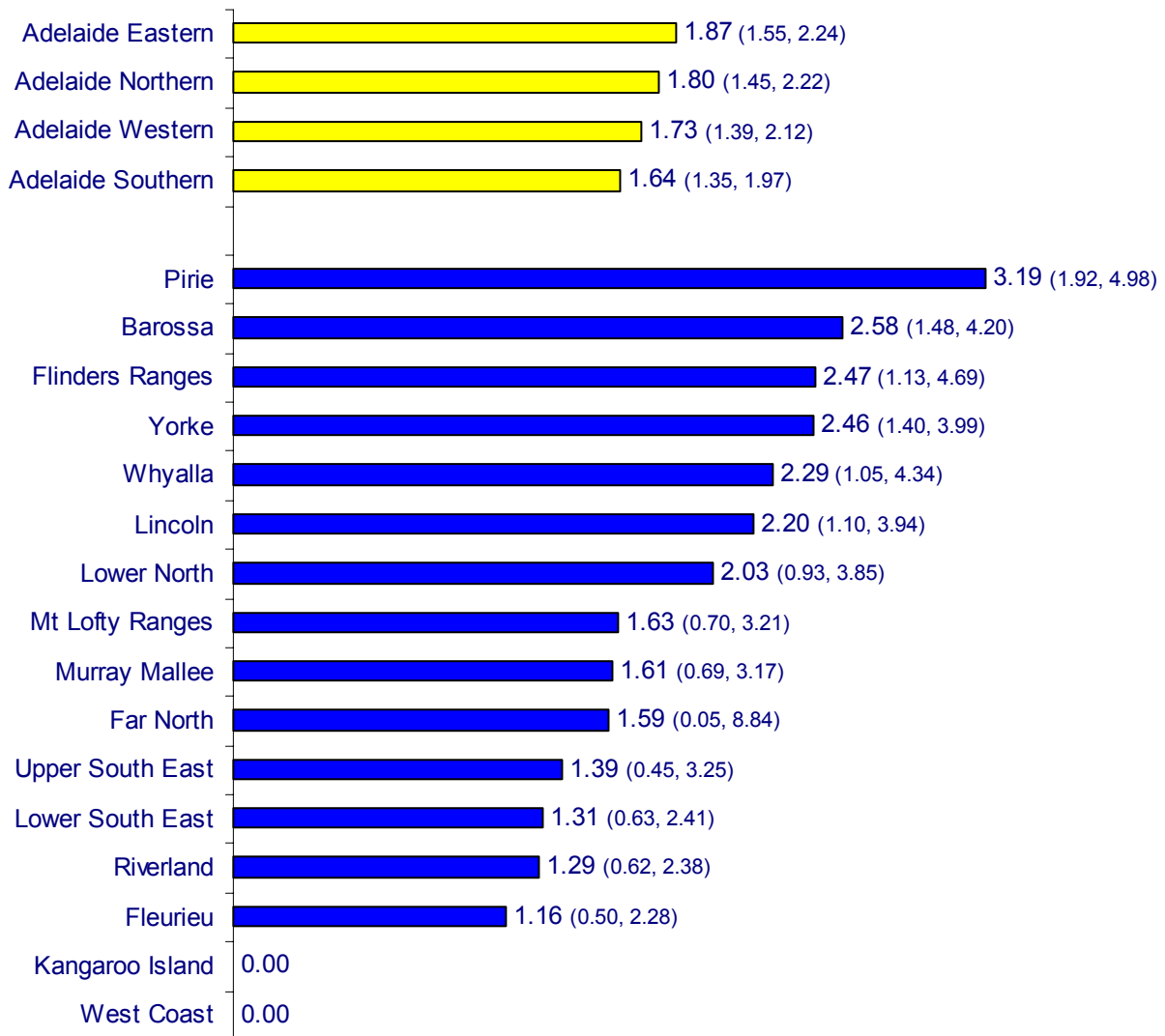


## Annual incidence of cancer in South Australia in 1977-2001 by geographic region per 100,000 (age-standardized to World Population)

Cancer site: **Vagina/vulva**

Females

Incidence (95% confidence limits)



## VAGINA/VULVA

- These cancers showed a variation in incidence around the world greater than three fold during 1993-97. South Australia had a relatively low incidence, although not as low as Africa and Asia.
- Although the incidence appeared to vary within South Australia by country of birth during 1977-2000, the actual numbers of cancers were small and the variation could have been due to chance.
- **Similarly, although the incidence tended to be elevated in low socio-economic areas in 1977-2001, in accordance with gradients seen in other populations, this was based on small numbers of cancers and could have occurred by chance. Also, clear evidence was lacking of differences by region of residence or calendar year.**
- Behavioural and medical risk factors include:
  - Genital infection with human papilloma virus.
  - A history of risk factors for human papilloma virus infection, such as multiple sexual partners.
  - A history of cervical cancer.